

CONGRESSIONAL RECORD SUMMARY

Tuesday, February 5, 2002

SENATE

H.R. 622. Adoption Tax Credit:

Senate continued consideration of H.R. 622, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to expand the adoption credit, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

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Pending:

Daschle/Baucus Amendment No. 2698, in the nature of a substitute.

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Domenici Amendment No. 2723 (to the language proposed to be stricken by Amendment No. 2698), to provide for a payroll tax holiday.

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Smith (NH) Amendment No. 2732 (to the language proposed to be stricken by Amendment No. 2698), to provide a waiver of the early withdrawal penalty for distributions from qualified retirement plans to individuals called to active duty during the national emergency declared by the President on September 14, 2001.

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Reid Modified Amendment No. 2764 (to Amendment No. 2698), to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a refundable credit for recreational travel, and to modify the business expense limits.

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Craig Amendment No. 2770 (to the language proposed to be stricken by Amendment No. 2698), to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to expand the availability of Archer medical savings accounts.

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Dorgan Amendment No. 2808 (to Amendment No. 2764), to preserve the continued viability of the United States travel industry.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at 11:30 a.m., on Wednesday, February 6, 2002, with a vote to occur on the motion to close further debate on

Daschle/Baucus Amendment No. 2698 (listed above).

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Nomination Confirmed:

Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By a unanimous vote of 93 yeas (Vote No. EX. 12), Philip R. Martinez, of Texas, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Texas.

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Nomination Received:

Senate received the following nomination:

Eugene Scalia, of Virginia, to be Solicitor for the Department of Labor.

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Committee Meetings:

Committee on the Budget: Committee held hearings on the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2003, focusing on the cost of the recession, homeland security, and economic stimulus.

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded hearings to examine certain revenue proposals within the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2003.

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Committee on Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded hearings to examine the impact of the Enron Corporation collapse on the company's 401(k) retirement investors.

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Committee on the Judiciary: Committee held hearings to examine issues surrounding scientific and medical aspects of human reproductive cloning, including the protection of human subjects, and to clarify how human reproductive cloning differs from stem cell research.

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Committee Meetings For Wednesday, February 6, 2002:

Committee on the Budget: @ 10:00 a.m. To hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2003. SD-608.

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Committee on the Judiciary: @ 10:00 a.m. To hold hearings to examine accountability issues surrounding the fall of Enron Corporation. SD-226.

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Remarks:

The Budget.

Reid

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On The Confirmation Of Judge Phillip Martinez.

"...Of course, I have yet to chair the Judiciary Committee for a full year; it has been barely six months. But the confirmations we have achieved in those six months are already comparable to the year totals for 1997, 1999 and 2000 and almost twice as many as a Republican majority in the Senate allowed to be confirmed in 1996. [] I have set another hearing on the nomination of Judge Charles Pickering for the 5th Circuit for this Thursday, February 7, 2002. I am working to hold another confirmation hearing for judicial nominations, as well, before the end of February, even though it is a short month with a week's recess..."

Leahy

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Judicial Confirmations.

"... One comment that particularly surprised me was the attempt to blame the previous, Republican-controlled Senate for the creation of the current number of judicial vacancies. The fact is that the Republican Senate confirmed essentially the same number of judges for President Clinton, 377, as the Republican Senate did for President Reagan, 382, so there is simply no basis for the Democrat's allegations. [] The bottom line is that, at the close of the 106th Congress, there were only 67 vacancies in the Federal judiciary. In the space of one Democratic-controlled congressional session, that number had shot up to nearly 100..."

Hatch

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HOUSE

Bills Introduced:

H.R. 3674. A bill to *amend title 18 of the United States Code* to correct a technical error in the codification of title 36 of the United States Code; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Cannon

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H.R. 3677. A bill to *amend title I of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974* and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide new protections under applicable fiduciary rules for participants and beneficiaries under 401(k) plans and to provide for 3-year vesting of elective deferrals under such plans; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

English

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H.R. 3679. A bill to prohibit the possession or transfer of junk guns, also known as Saturday Night Specials; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Gutierrez

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Reports Filed:

Reports were filed today as follows:

H. Res. 342, providing for consideration of motions to suspend the rules (House Report 107-356); and

H. Res. 343, providing for consideration of **H.R. 3394**, to authorize funding for computer and network security research and development and research fellowship programs (House Report 107-357).

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Presidential Messages:

Read the following message from the President:

Budget of the United States Government: Message wherein he transmitted the Fiscal Year 2003 Budget of the United States Government--referred to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered printed (H. Doc. 107-159);

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Suspension Proceedings Postponed--Technical Correction to Protect Olympic Trademarks:

The House completed debate on the motion to suspend the rules and pass **S. 1888**, to *amend title 18 of the United States Code* to correct a technical error in the codification of title 36 of the United States Code. Further proceedings were postponed until Wednesday, Feb. 6.

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Committee Meetings:

Committee on the Budget: Held a hearing on the Administration's Budget for Fiscal Year 2003.

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations began hearings on the Financial Collapse of Enron Corp.

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Insurance, and Government Sponsored Enterprises continued hearings on the Enron Collapse.

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, an open rule providing 1 hour of debate on **H.R. 3394**, Cyber Security Research and Development Act. The rule waives clause 4(a) of rule XIII (requiring a three-day layover of committee reports) against consideration of the bill. The rule authorizes the Chairman of the Committee of the Whole to accord priority in recognition to Members who have pre-printed their amendments in the Congressional Record. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

Committee on Ways and Means: Held a hearing on the Administration's fiscal year 2003 Budget Proposals.

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Committee on Appropriations, @ 10:00 a.m. Subcommittee on Transportation, on the Transportation Security Administration. 2358 Rayburn.

Committee on the Budget, @ 10:00 a.m. Hearing on the Department of the Treasury Budget Priorities Fiscal Year 2003. 210 Cannon.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, @ 10:00 a.m. Hearing on "*The Enron Collapse and Its Implications for Worker Retirement Security.*" 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform, @ 10:00 a.m. Hearing on "*The History of Congressional Access to Deliberative Justice Department Documents.*" 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, @ 10:00 a.m. *Hearing on H.R. 2341, Class Action Fairness Act of 2001.* 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, @ 2:00 p.m. Subcommittee on Immigration and Claims, oversight hearing on "*The Operations of the Executive Office for Immigration Review (EOIR).*" 2237 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, @ 10:00 a.m. Oversight hearing on Indian Trust Fund Accounts: the Department of the Interior's Restructuring Proposal and the Impacts of the Court Order Closing Access to the Department's Computer System. 1334 Longworth.

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Next SENATE MEETING: Wednesday, 10:30 a.m., February 6, 2002.

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